

MINUTES OF THE STANDING COMMITTEE ON AGRICULTURE

Tuesday, June 13, 2006

3:40 p.m.

Room 307 House Office Building, Lansing

Representative Nitz, Chair, called the meeting to order.

MEMBERS PRESENT: Representatives Nitz, Ball, Newell, Stahl, Proos, Mayes, Spade, Kathleen Law, Sheltroun. (9/11)

ABSENT/EXCUSED: Representatives Casperson, Hune. (2/11)

Representative Newell made a motion to adopt the minutes of the meeting of June 13, 2006, supported by Representative Kathleen Law. No objections being offered, a unanimous ballot was cast to accept the minutes as presented.

Representative Nitz laid SB 900 before the Committee.

SB 900	Jelinek	Economic development; renaissance zones; number of agriculture processing renaissance zones; expand.
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Senator Jelinek spoke to the Committee regarding the provisions of SB 900.

Cards indicating support for SB 900 were submitted by:

- Jerry Griffin, representing the Wayne County Executive Office
- Ron Nelson, representing the Michigan Farm Bureau
- Bob Tadsen, representing the Michigan AgriBusiness Association
- Bill Zaagman, representing the Michigan Milk Producers Association

The following individuals also spoke to the Committee regarding SB 900:

- James McBryde and John Czarnecki, representing the Michigan Economic Development Corporation (MEDC), in support (if amended)

- Brad Heffner, representing the City of Ithaca, in support

Representative Proos made a motion to adopt SB 900 (H-1), supported by Representative Ball.

FAVORABLE ROLL CALL:

Yeas: Representatives Nitz, Ball, Newell, Stahl, Proos, Mayes, Spade, Kathleen Law, Sheltroun. (9/11)

Nays: None. (0/11)

Pass: None. (0/11) (9/0/0)

A sufficient number of members voting in the affirmative, the motion prevailed.

Representative Mayes made a motion to amend SB 900 (H-1) as follows, supported by Representative Stahl.

1. Amend page 3, line 7, after “**THAN**” by striking out “**5**” and inserting “**3**”.

FAVORABLE ROLL CALL:

Yeas: Representatives Nitz, Ball, Newell, Stahl, Proos, Mayes, Spade, Kathleen Law, Sheltroun. (9/11)

Nays: None. (0/11)

Pass: None. (0/11) (9/0/0)

A sufficient number of members voting in the affirmative, the motion prevailed.

Representative Spade made a motion to report SB 900 (H-2) with recommendation, supported by Representative Ball.

FAVORABLE ROLL CALL:

Yeas: Representatives Nitz, Ball, Newell, Stahl, Proos, Mayes, Spade, Kathleen Law, Sheltroun. (9/11)

Nays: None. (0/11)

Pass: None. (0/11) (9/0/0)

A sufficient number of members voting in the affirmative, the motion prevailed.

Representative Sheltroun made a motion to excuse absent members, supported by Representative Kathleen Law. No objections being offered, absent members were excused.

There being no additional business before the Committee, Chair Nitz declared the meeting adjourned, the time being 3:55 p.m.

Representative Neal Nitz, Chair

Catherine Petroskey, Committee Clerk
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